

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

ITEM**18****DECISION**

TOPIC Water Recreation Access Cost-Share (WRAC) Grants FY09

The Commission is requested to approve funding for the recommended Water Recreation Access Cost-Share (WRAC) Grant applications for FY09, funded through the Marine Fuel Tax Program and Federal Coast Guard.

Grant applications have been reviewed and prioritized by a seven member review committee according to rules provided for in Iowa Administrative Code chapter 571 - 30. One application received additional consideration pursuant to Iowa Code section 303.3C, as it is a participant in Iowa's Great Places. The Department received 22 applications total, and is recommending the funding of 11 projects.

The 11 successful applicants constitute projects totaling \$243,167. The Department recommends awarding not more than \$182,375.25 to these 11 successful applicants as shown below; the remaining portion of the project costs, \$60,791.75 or 25% of the total project costs, shall be provided by the applicant as part of the cost sharing requirement of the WRAC program.

The following is a listing of the selected applications and associated grant awards.

Applicant	Area Description	MFT/CG Funding Recommendation	Total Project Costs
Black Hawk County Conservation Board	Cedar River Access Boat Ramp Parking Renovation	\$10,326.00	\$13,768.00
Charles City Parks & Recreation	Lower Cedar Boat Ramp Cansoe/Kayak Ramp and Support Facilities	\$89,228.25	\$118,971.00
City of Iowa Falls Parks& Recreation	Dougan's Landing/Iowa River Access Renovation	\$22,875.00	\$30,500.00
City of Lenox	East Lenox Lake Paved Boat Ramp Development	\$13,500.00	\$18,000.00
Des Moines County Conservation Board	Big Hollow Creek Rec. Area Restroom and Dock Addition	\$18,525.00	\$24,700.00

Jackson County Conservation Board	Mill Creek Park Dock Repair Extension	\$3,775.50	\$5,034.00
Jackson County Conservation Board	Mill Creek Park Dock Repair	\$1,963.50	\$2,618.00
Jackson County Conservation Board	Spragueville Access Boat Ramp Repair	\$2,682.00	\$3,576.00
Taylor County Conservation Board	Windmill Lake Paved Boat Ramp Development	\$13,500.00	\$18,000.00
Taylor County Conservation Board	Windmill Lake Boat Docks	\$3,000	\$4,000
Taylor County Conservation Board	Wilson Lake Boat Dock	\$3,000	\$4,000
TOTAL		\$182,375.25	\$243,167.00

In the event any of the recommended applicants are unable to meet the obligations of the WRAC program and funds remain available, the Department may reevaluate and reconsider the denied applications for component eligibility and, if qualified, will submit to the Commission for approval.

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